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Westminster, November 13.

HIS Majesty came this Day to the House of Peers, and being in his Royal Robes seated on the Throne with the usual Solemnity, the Honourable Sir Henry Bellenden, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, was sent with a Message from His Majesty to the House of Commons, commanding their Attendance in the House of Peers. The Commons being come thither accordingly, His Majesty was pleased to make the following most gracious Speech.

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

THE present critical Conjuncture of Affairs, and my constant Inclination to have the Advice and Assistance of my Parliament on all important Occasions, have made me desirous to meet you here as early as possible.

Since your last Session, I have taken such Measures as might be most conducive to the Protection of our Possessions in America, and to the Regaining of such Parts thereof, as had been encroached upon, or invaded, in Violation of the Peace, and contrary to the Faith of the most solemn Treaties.

For this Purpose, the Maritime Force of this Kingdom has been got ready with the utmost Application and Expedition, and been principally employed; some Land Forces have been sent from hence to North America; and all proper Encouragement has been given to the several Colonies there, to exert themselves in their own Defence, and in the Maintenance of the Rights and Possessions of Great Britain.

With a sincere Desire to preserve my People from the Calamities of War, as well as to prevent, in the Midst of these Troubles, a general War from being lighted up in Europe, I have been always ready to accept reasonable and honourable Terms of Accommodation; but none such have hitherto been proposed on the Part of France. I have also confined my Views and Operations to hinder France from making new Encroachments, or supporting those already made; to exert our Right to a Satisfaction for Hostilities committed in a Time of profound Peace; and to disappoint such Designs, as, from various Appearances and Preparations, there is Reason to think, have been formed against my Kingdoms and Dominions.

By these Methods, I have pursued the Plan which I formerly pointed out to you, and for which I had the Satisfaction to receive the strongest Assurances of your vigorous Support.

What other Power can object to Proceedings so absolutely necessary to our own Defence and Security? My good Brother, the King of Spain, sees with Concern these Differences; and the Part which he generously takes in the common Welfare of Europe, makes him earnestly wish the Preservation of the publick Tranquility. He has also given Assurances, that he will continue in the same pacifick Sentiments.

In pursuing these great Ends, I make no Doubt of the vigorous and chearful Support of my Parliament; and that, whilst I am engaged in this just and national Cause, the affectionate Assurances which they gave me the last Session, will be effectually made good. In Consequence thereof, I have greatly increased my Naval Armaments; augmented my Land Forces in such a Manner as might be the least burthensome; and have concluded a Treaty with the Empress of Russia, and another with the Landgrave of Hesse Cassell, which shall be laid before you.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

I have ordered the proper Officers to lay before you Estimates for the Service of the ensuing Year, and likewise Accounts of the extraordinary Expences which have been made this Year, in Pursuance of the Power given me by Parliament. I see, with great Concern, that the necessary Services before-mentioned will require large Supplies. I ask only such as shall be requisite for the effectual carrying on of those Measures, which shall be necessary to support what has been begun, according to your Inclination, for the Security of my Kingdoms and Dominions, and for the Purposes which have been already mentioned to you. Whatever you grant shall, with the strictest Œconomy, be applied to those Uses only for which it shall be given.

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

I rely upon your Duty and good Affections, which I have so often experienced. There never was a Situation in which my Honour, and the essential Interests of Great Britain, called more strongly for your Zeal, Unanimity, and Dispatch.

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By the King,

A PROCLAMATION,

For recalling and prohibiting Seamen from ſerving Foreign Princes and States; for giving Encouragement to Seamen and Able-bodied Landmen to enter themſelves on Board His Majeſty's Ships of War; for granting Rewards for diſcovering ſuch Seamen as ſhall conceal themſelves; and alſo for taking up all Straggling Seamen.

GEORGE R.

WHEREAS we are informed, That great Numbers of Mariners and Sea-faring Men, our natural-born Subjects, are in the Service of divers Foreign Princes and States, to the Prejudice of our Kingdom; We have therefore thought it neceſſary, by and with the Advice of our Privy Council, to publiſh this our Royal Proclamation; and do hereby ſtrictly charge and command all Maſters of Ships, Pilots, Mariners, Seamen, Shipwrights, and other Sea-faring Men whatſoever, and whereſoever (being our natural born Subjects) who are in the Pay or Service of any Foreign Prince or State, or do ſerve in any Foreign Ship or Veſſel, that forthwith they, and every of them, do (according to their known and bounden Duty and Allegiance) withdraw themſelves, depart from, and quit ſuch Foreign Services, and return Home to their Native Countries: And further, we do hereby ſtrictly prohibit and forbid all Maſters of Ships, Pilots, Mariners, Seamen, Shipwrights, and other Sea-faring Men whatſoever (being our natural-born Subjects) from entering, and do charge and command them, and every of them, from henceforth to forbear to enter themſelves into the Pay or Service of any Foreign Prince or State, or to ſerve in any Foreign Ship or Veſſel whatſoever, without our ſpecial Licence firſt had and obtained in that Behalf; to all which we expect due Obedience and exact Conformity. And we do hereby publiſh and declare, that the Offenders to the contrary, ſhall not only incur our juſt Diſpleaſure, but be proceeded againſt for their Contempt, according to the utmoſt Severities of the Law. And we do hereby declare, that if any ſuch Maſters of Ships, Pilots, Mariners, Seamen, Shipwrights, or other Sea-faring Men (being our Subjects) ſhall be taken in any Foreign Service by the Turks, Algerines, or any others, they ſhall not be redeemed by us as Subjects of Great Britain. And whereas it it our Royal Intention to give all due Encouragement to ſuch Seamen and Landmen, who ſhall voluntarily enter themſelves in our Service, we do hereby promiſe and declare, That the Bounties of Three Pounds for every Able Seaman, and of Thirty Shillings for every Ordinary Seaman, be paid to every ſuch Able and Ordinary Seaman not above the Age of Fifty, nor under the Age of Twenty Years, who ſhall, on or before the Thirty Firſt Day of December next, voluntarily enter themſelves to ſerve in our Royal Navy, either with the Captains or Lieutenants of our Ships, or the Chief Officers on Board ſuch Tenders as ſhall be employed for raiſing Men for the Service of our Royal Navy; and alſo that a Bounty of Thirty Shillings be paid to every Able-bodied Landman, not above the Age of Thirty Five, nor under the Age of Twenty Years, who ſhall, on or before the ſaid Thirty Firſt Day of December next, voluntarily enter themſelves to ſerve in our Royal Navy, either with the Captains or Lieutenants of our Ships, or the Chief Officers on Board ſuch Tenders, as ſhall be employed for raiſing Men for the Service of our Royal Navy; and that ſuch reſpective Sums be paid them by the Clerks of the Cheque reſiding at the Ports or Places where the Ships into which they ſhall be entered ſhall be, immediately after the Third Muſter of ſuch Seamen and Landmen. And we do declare, that the Qualifications of the Seamen and Landmen ſo entering themſelves, ſhall be certified by the Captain, Maſter, and Boatſwain, of the Ship or Veſſel where they ſhall enter. And for Prevention of any Abuſes by any Perſons leaving the Ships or Veſſels to which they ſhall belong, and entering themſelves on Board any other our Ships or Veſſels, in order to obtain the ſaid Bounty Money; we do hereby declare and command, that ſuch Seamen or Landmen belonging to any of our Ships or Veſſels, as ſhall abſent themſelves from any of the ſaid Ships or Veſſels to which they ſhall belong, and ſhall enter themſelves on Board any other of our Ships or Veſſels, in order to obtain the ſaid Bounty, ſhall not only loſe the Wages due to them in the Ships or Veſſels they ſhall leave, but alſo be ſeverely puniſhed according to their Demerits. And we do hereby further promiſe and declare, That a Reward of Two Pounds for every Able, and Twenty Shillings for every Ordinary Seaman, ſhall be paid any Perſon who ſhall diſcover any Seaman or Seamen who may ſecret themſelves, ſo that ſuch Seaman or Seamen ſhall be taken for our ſaid Service, on or before the ſaid Thirty Firſt Day of December next, by any of our Sea Officers employed for raiſing Men; the ſaid Rewards to be paid for any Seaman or Seamen ſo diſcovered and taken in and about London, by the Principal Officers and Commiſſioners of our Navy; and at the Out-ports by the Naval Officers (where there are any) and (where there are no Naval Officers) by the Collectors of our Cuſtoms, immediately upon a Certificate being produced to the ſaid Principal Officers and Commiſſioners of our Navy, Naval Officers, or Collectors reſpectively, by the Perſon who may make Diſcovery of any Seaman or Seamen as aforeſaid, certifying his Name, and the Name or Names, and Number of Seamen procured in Conſequence of his Diſcovery; the ſaid Certificate to be given by ſuch Officer as may take ſuch Seaman or Seamen for our Service. And we do hereby require and command all our Juſtices of the Peace, Mayors,

Mayors, Bailiffs, and Magiſtrates, of the ſeveral Shires, Counties, Cities, Towns Corporate, and all other Places within our Kingdom of Great Britain, to give the ſtricteſt Orders and Directions to the Conſtables and other inferior Civil Officers to take up all Straggling Seamen, not above the Age of Fifty, nor under the Age of Twenty Years, who ſhall be of Health and Ability fit for our Service; and that they do exert themſelves in this Service, and take care that the inferior Civil Officers be diligent in the Diſcharge of their Duty herein: And that the ſaid Magiſtrates do cauſe all Seamen ſo taken up, and fit for our Service, to be conducted by ſuch Conſtables or inferior Civil Officers, or other proper Perſons, to the Clerk of the Cheque of any of our Yards, or to a Regulating Captain in London, or any other Place, or to any Port or Place where any of our Ships or Veſſels may be, or to any Officer of our Navy employed in raiſing Men: And that the Perſons who ſhall be intruſted with the conducting ſuch Straggling Seamen, be paid a Reward of Two Pounds for every Able Seaman, and Twenty Shillings for every Ordinary Seaman, received from them for our Service, over and above Six Pence a Mile for every Mile they ſhall travel with ſuch Seaman or Seamen, not exceeding Twenty Miles: Which reſpective Rewards are to be paid by the Clerks of the Cheque of our Yards, where any of the ſaid Men ſhall be delivered to them; or if delivered to a Regulating Captain in London, that the ſaid Rewards be then paid by the Commiſſioners of our Navy; or if delivered to any of the Officers of our Navy employed in raiſing Men, that then the ſaid Rewards be paid by the Collector of our Cuſtoms reſiding at or neareſt to the Place where ſuch Men ſhall be brought, upon producing a Certificate from the Officer of our Navy, to whom ſuch Men ſhall be delivered, of the Names and Number of Men received by him; and the ſaid Collector of our Cuſtoms is to take a Receipt on the Back of the ſaid Certificate for the Sum he pays; which Sum the Commiſſioners of our Navy are required to reimburſe to the ſaid Collector of our Cuſtoms, upon his tranſmitting ſuch Certificate and Receipt to them.

Given at our Court at St. James's, the Eleventh Day of November, 1755, in the Twenty Ninth Year of our Reign.

GOD Save the KING.

Bruſſels, Nov. 7. We are informed that the French have lately removed from Arras and Cambray, to the Arſenal at Douay, Part of the Cannon and Military Stores belonging to thoſe two Places; and that they have preſſed all the Blackſmiths in thoſe Quarters, and ſent them to Douay, where they are to be employed in preparing Carriages, &c. for the Artillery.

St. James's, November 14.

This Day the Right Honourable Sir Thomas Robinſon having reſigned the Seals into the King's Hands, His Majeſty was pleaſed to appoint the Right Honourable Henry Fox to be one of His Majeſty's Principal Secretaries of State.

Admiralty-Office, November 12, 1755.

PUrſuant to an Act of Parliament paſſed in the 26th Year of His preſent Majeſty's Reign, this is to give Notice to the Concerned, That Information hath been ſent to this Office, that a Ship called the William and Mary, of Guernſey, whereof Richard Sollee was Maſter, Burthen One hundred Tons, laden with Wine, and conſigned to Meſſ. Nuthall, Fidell, and Mitchell, and to ſundry other Merchants at Lynn Regis and Newcaſtle, was, on the Third Inſtant, drove on Shore by Streſs of Weather on Yarmouth Beach, where ſhe now lies bilged.

J. Clevland.

Admiralty Office, Nov. 15. 1755.

Notice is hereby given, to all Sea Officers who are abſent with Leave, from my Lords Commiſſioners of the Admiralty, that it is their Lordſhips Directions, that they return to England, within ſix Months after the Date hereof; or they will forfeit all the Half-Pay that may be due to them.

J. Clevland.

Office of Ordnance, Tower of London, Nov. 13, 1755.

The Principal Officers of his Majeſty's Ordnance do hereby give Notice, that whoſoever will diſcover to them any Fire Arms concealed in any Part of Great Britain, ſo as the ſame may be properly ſecured till his Majeſty's Pleaſure ſhall be known therein, the Name or Names of the Perſon or Perſons who ſhall make ſuch Diſcovery ſhall be concealed, if required, and he or they ſhall receive, as a Reward for the ſame, after the Rate of Twenty Five Pounds for every 100 *Arms, and ſo in Proportion be the Number more or leſs.*

By Order of the Board,
William Bogdani.

General Poſt-Office, London, Oct. 24, 1755.

Whereas a Number of Parquet Boats are provided and eſtabliſhed, at Falmouth, for carrying on a regular Monthly Correſpondence between theſe Kingdoms and His Majeſty's Iſlands in the Weſt-Indies; and alſo to and from the ſeveral Colonies on the Continent of North-America;

Public Notice is hereby given to all Merchants, and others, whom it may concern, That Letters and Packets for the ſaid Iſlands, and Colonies on the Continent of North-America, will be taken in and received, at this Office, from the Date hereof, upon their being paid for, after the Rates, ſettled by Act of Parliament, as undermentioned, viz.

		s.	d.
From London *to the Iſlands of* Barbadoes Antegoa, Mountſerrat, Nevis, St. Chriſtophers *and* Jamaica,	*For a Single Letter*	1	6
	a Double Letter	3	0
	a Treble Letter	4	6
	an Ounce ——	6	0

		s.	d.
From London *to* New-York, New-England, Virginia, Maryland, *and all the other Colonies on the Continent of* North-America,	*For a Single Letter*	1	0
	a Double Letter	2	0
	a Treble Letter	3	0
	an Ounce ——	4	0

The firſt Mail of Letters, for the ſeveral Iſlands in the Weſt-Indies, will be made up, and diſpatched from this Office, upon Saturday the 8th Day of November next, and be continued on the Firſt Saturday of every Month following.

The firſt Mail of Letters, by the way of New-York, for the ſeveral Colonies on the Continent of North-America, will be made up and diſpatched from this Office, upon the 15*th of the ſaid Month of November next,*